

# TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Jane King Fohn, President  
10325 Little Sugar Creek  
Converse, TX 78109-2409  
(210) 566-1436  
E-mail: [janekefohn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janekefohn@sbcglobal.net)  
July 3, 2003

*For Immediate Release*

## **ROBERT J. JOYCE**

### **DISTINGUISHED PHILATELIC TEXAN**

The Distinguished Philatelic Texan award is the highest award the Texas Philatelic Association (TPA) can present to a TPA member. In the opinion of the surviving recipients, the candidate should best represent the ideals and goals of the organization and has made a positive contribution to the advancement of philately in Texas.

The current Distinguished Philatelic Texans are the following: Edwin F. Christman, Jr.; Warren H. Crain; Nonie Green; Lee C. Scamp; William K. McDaniel; James W. Bowman; Rex H. Stever; Gale J. Raymond; Jane King Fohn; Romaine Flanagin; Jay B. Stotts; Barbara Stever; Gordon G. Bleuler; and Lyle Boardman.

This year's recipient is Robert J. Joyce of San Antonio. He deserves this recognition for his many contributions over an extended number of years. They are not only to TPA but also to philately in general, and, its advancement in the state of Texas.

He is a life member of many organizations both within and outside of the State of Texas. Mr. Joyce belongs to the Souvenir Card Collectors' Society, and maintains an extensive collection of souvenir cards produced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, United States Postal Service, American Banknote Company, United Nations, etc. He conducts seminars on available card material.

Mr. Joyce is a life member of the San Antonio Philatelic Association (SAPA). He has served five terms as president (more than any other living member). He was Show Committee Chairman in 1988, 1991 and 1996. The latter two were national-level shows with the 1996 holding the all-time American Philatelic Society record for the number of frames at a national-level show—421. Mr. Joyce presents local programs to enhance SAPA members' philatelic knowledge.

Robert Joyce is a life member of the Éire Philatelic Association (EPA). He has served on the Board of Directors for five years and continues to serve at present. He has been the assistant editor of *The Revealer*, journal of the EPA for eighteen years: he has written articles, constructed word

puzzles, and proofread seventy-two continuous issues during that time. In 1996, he was honored with the John J. Clark Award for exemplary service to EPA.

He is a life member of the TPA. Robert Joyce served as president for the four years between 1998 and 2002. During this period he turned around an eight-year decline in membership—first year, stopped the decline; second year, slight membership gain; and third year, increased membership to over one-hundred new dues-paying members.

Mr. Joyce revised the TPA Foundation By-Laws to reflect how the Foundation is presently operated. He established a TPA website to publicize vital information about the TPA, and linked it to the **TEXPEX** show committee's website. He sponsored improved dues collection procedures and more efficient accounting methods. The TPA awards program was reviewed and reintroduced two longtime awards for recruiting and literature. The TPA slide programs were inventoried and transferred to the American Philatelic Society (poor circulation within TPA). He continues to serve TPA as immediate past president and as chairman of the TPA Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

There is a short story about Robert J. Joyce's entry into the Texas Philatelic Association. In the year preceding his election to the presidency, Secretary Romaine Flanagan did not have a presidential candidate. She approached Mr. Joyce and asked him "if he would like to run," and he accepted the position. Then it was discovered that he was not a member. Accordingly, extraordinary measures had to be used to list him in *The Texas Philatelist* and get membership approval one month before announcing his candidacy for president. He is the only member who joined TPA specifically to run for the presidency.

After using his extraordinary management talents to shape the Texas Philatelic Association, Robert Joyce now can sit back and enjoy his membership in the Association he helped to reorganize.

Mr. Joyce is also active in veterans' organizations, local political organizations, and charities. He is a life member of the Air Force Aid Society; the Retired Officers Association, now known as the National Association of Uniformed Services; the National Defense Transportation Association, having been president three times; and several other organizations.

He is a charter member of the local People On Watch group and managed the run for mayor of a well-known local female candidate. He continues to pursue political goals in the San Antonio area. He was also president of the Kelly-Lackland Rotary Club while a member.

Robert Joyce supports innumerable charity organizations at local, state and national levels. All in all, Robert J. Joyce is an active member of the organizations that he joins, and works hard to do what is best for our nation.